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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

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1. UK EMBASSY (WILBERFORCE) INFORMED US JULY 15, THAT UK

SIDE IS WILLING TO MEET IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 18, AS US HAS SUGGESTED. TICKELL SUGGESTS MEETING FROM 3 TO 6 PM THAT AFTERNOON. BRITISH WOULD PREFER US MISSION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, IF THAT TIMING IS SATISFACTORY. BRITISH UNDERSTANDING OF AGENDA FOLLOWS (NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER):

A. BRITISH ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS REVISED UK PAPER ON OPTION III CEILINGS AND CONSTRAINTS IF US SIDE FEELS THAT FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS ARE NECESSARY. WE HAVE INFORMED THE BRITISH (WILBERFORCE) HERE THAT

-- OUR COMMENTS ON THE GENERAL APPROACH TAKEN BY THE UK IN THE PAPER ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR TO THE UK. WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR VIEWS ON THE DIFFICULTY OF SEPARATING THE FORM OF CONSTRAINTS ON TANKS AND NUCLEAR ELEMENTS;

-- WE NOTE THAT THE UK PAPER RAISES RECIPROCAL

RESTRAINTS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR ELEMENTS, A FEATURE WHICH WE HAD HOPED, BASED ON DISCUSSIONS IN BONN, THE UK WOULD DEFER;

-- WE WOULD FIND IT MOST PRODUCTIVE TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE UK PAPER IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GUIDANCE DRAFTS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE SPC, AND THEREFORE PREFER THAT THE UK TABLE PAPER AFTER JULY 18 TRILATERAL (WILBERFORCE LATER INFORMED US THAT, SINCE FRG WOULD ALSO PREFER TO HOLD PAPER FOR FURTHER TRILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, THE UK WOULD NOT TABLE PAPER IN SPC THIS WEEK);

-- WHEN THE UK TABLES THIS DRAFT, WE WOULD ASSUME THAT IT WOULD BE PRESENTED AS UK NATIONAL VIEWS AND AS AN AID TO ALLIANCE CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES BEFORE THE SPC.

B. UK ANALYSIS OF US/UK/FRG AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT. US HOPES TO HAVE CONTRIBUTION READY.

C. LIMITATIONS ON NON-US AND NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT  
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ARMAMENTS. WE HOPE GERMANS WILL HAVE PAPER SUPPORTING THEIR ARGUMENTS.

D. RECIPROCAL CONSTRAINTS ON SOVIET NUCLEAR SYSTEMS. WE HAVE INFORMED BRITISH THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE WITH THEM TRILATERALLY. (WE WILL NOT HOWEVER BE ABLE TO PROVIDE DEFINITIVE CONCLUSIONS BEYOND THOSE CONTAINED IN "US VIEWS" PAPER).

E. PARAGRAPH 2 TO 9 OF SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE. ON THIS SUBJECT, WE HAVE PRELIMINARY FRG VIEWS IN HAND (MBFR VIENNA 355). WE UNDERSTAND FROM BRITISH THAT UK VIEWS ARE ABOUT TO BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH EMBASSY LONDON. AT TRILATERALS, WE EXPECT TO HAVE A REVISED DRAFT TEXT OF SUPPLEMENTARY UNDERSTANDINGS AND HOPE THIS WILL BE CENTER OF TRILATERAL DISCUSSION.

2. AFTER TRILATERALS, WE WOULD HOPE TO MOVE FORWARD IN SPC BY TABLING LANGUAGE DRAWN FROM OUR REVISED DRAFT TEXT OF SUPPLEMENTARY UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH WOULD ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS SURFACED IN SPC DISCUSSIONS ON DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG.

3. WE UNDERSTAND AMBASSADOR RESOR PLANS TO ATTEND. WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE LOUIS MICHAEL, OSD/ISA, CHARLES FLOWERREE, PM/DCA, PETER SHARFMAN, ACDA, AND COL. WOOD, JCS. PLEASE RESERVE SINGLE ROOMS, AT SHERATON

FOR MR. MICHAEL, AND AT ATLANTA OR MARIE JOSE FOR  
MR. FLOWERREE. INGERSOLL

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